

## Achieving the Vision

The Vision: What if there was an organisation that could inspire 80 million people from different countries and cultures around the world to share a common faith heritage, promote peace and understanding, and work for equal rights and social justice for all peoples?

There is such an organisation:

### **The World Methodist Council.**

It encompasses 80 member churches on six continents, all sharing a common vision of spreading the Gospel and making disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. Its purpose is to “engage, empower, and serve the member Churches by encouraging Methodist unity in witness, facilitating mission in the world, and fostering ecumenical and inter-religious activities”.

The Council’s work includes:

- a regular International Christian Youth Conference where young people from around the world gather to share their testimony and techniques for vibrant and effective evangelism,
- a range of social justice initiatives in which the issues that face us as a global community can be explored in the local context (currently this involves work on combating worldwide hunger and the HIV and Aids pandemic),
- theological conversation amongst its member churches and with others through Ecumenical Dialogues with the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican World Communion and, in a significant new development, the Orthodox Church.



Delegates of the 2013 WMC meeting gather at Wesley’s Chapel, London.



The World Methodist Council runs a Conference every 5 years - the latest one was in Durban, South Africa in 2011 with the theme “The Healing of the Nations” at which the World Methodist Peace Award was presented to Ros Colwill for her outstanding work with Amaudo in Nigeria. Information on this and other recipients can be viewed on the WMC website at [www.worldmethodistcouncil.org](http://www.worldmethodistcouncil.org)

So the World Methodist Council promotes the traditional Methodist emphasis on Evangelism and Social Justice in a world context and underpins this with robust theological dialogue.

### **And you are part of this too. Here’s how you can contribute...**

**The ‘Achieving the Vision’ Campaign.** If every member of the World Methodist Council’s member churches gave 20 pence we would reach our goal of establishing a £16 million endowment to provide a permanent source of funding for our global ministries.

However we recognise that in some countries even 20 pence per member is a lot to ask, so the British Conference is encouraging Methodists in Britain to be extra generous and give 50 pence each year, for the five years from 2011 to 2016, to help those where the national economies are weak.

Resources, worship material and a quiz, to assist you in your fund-raising are available at [www.methodist.org.uk/mission/world-church](http://www.methodist.org.uk/mission/world-church)

Contributions to the fund can be made in either of the following ways:

1. Direct Transfer from a clearing bank. Please pay to sort code 400206 Account number 30012599, quoting 00017030 WMC ATV in the reference field of the payment.
2. Cheques payable to Central Finance Board can be posted to: Central Finance Board, 2nd Floor, 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE. Please quote 00017030 WMC ATV.

Please do not use counter credits in any bank as we will not be able to identify the credit on our account.



Over 2000 Methodists from around the world march on the streets of Durban, South Africa.

  
**The Methodist Church**

